



**Newsletter 13th November 2020**

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## Special times!

It has been a week of special events here at St Minver School.

### Remembrance Day

It was a privilege for us to be together on the 11th of November, as we remembered those who have given their service to us as a nation. We love our online assemblies and it remains very important to us to find ways of coming together as a 'whole-school' team, while we cannot in person. We talked about how we must use our words to explain our feelings and to sort out problems, demonstrate tolerance in acknowledging that we often believe and feel different things and work extremely hard, together, to ensure terrible wars are prevented in the future.



### Harvest Breakfast

Thank you very much for your generous contributions to Harvest Breakfast. The children sang, the children feasted and we all reflected on how lucky we are to be able to share such a wealth of food together and to marvel at the amazing journey of our food to our plates. Thanks also to Mrs Webster, who kindly delivered two large boxes of unopened produce to Wadebridge Foodbank.



### Children in Need

We've had a wonderful day celebrating Children in Need, with a sea of red, yellow and spotty Pudseys and Blushes in our midst! Again, thank you for your kind donations. I will update you next week on the total collected by St Minver School.

### Internet Safety

As the weather changes, you may find that the children are spending more time on-screen and it might be a sensible time to review parental controls on all home devices.

For children who love to watch videos, we would recommend the YouTube Kids App, which is free and contains only filtered content, or alternatively for people to set parental controls on the standard YouTube app. You will find a YouTube Parental Controls Guide attached to this newsletter.

Mrs J Rodwell  
Head of School

## Important-action required!

The schools across the Aspire Academy Trust are gathering new parental consent for photographic use for all students.

We are aware that since some families completed admissions forms, the use of images on social media has increased hugely and we feel it is vital that we ensure that all families have the opportunity to review the consent that they give so we can ensure that children's images are never displayed/posted incorrectly.

In order to do this you will need to log into the Arbor parent portal and you will be prompted to consent/decline for 6 different photographic criteria.

While you are checking the portal can we ask that you also check and update your child's profile.

### Dates

**9/12/20—Christmas Dinner**

**11/12/20—Final drop off for Cornwall Christmas Box**

**21/12/20-3/1/21—Christmas Holiday**

**4/1/21—School Closed (Training day)**

**5/1/21—First day Spring Term**

- **PLEASE LOAD DINNER MONEY ACCOUNTS BEFORE YOUR CHILD HAS A MEAL**
- **NEXT WEEK WILL BE MENU WEEK 2**
- **ON PAGE 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER YOU WILL FIND THE CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU**
- **PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW (ALSO IN MAIN EMAIL) TO ORDER YOUR CHILD'S/CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DINNER. PLEASE NOTE THIS NEEDS TO BE DONE BY 27/11/20**
- **<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rVOWGVbBBUq60whMGjC2GOiD-TKudvxHiRouXEaAB01UNjVJMEd->**

## Home Tutor guidance

Every year, private tutors help children catch up with missed work or address areas they are struggling with, or with extra-curricular activities like music. Lockdown has led to major growth in this area, especially online, and this is expected to continue with further bubble and possible school closures.

**Anyone can set up as a tutor and there are no registration procedures. They don't even require an Enhanced DBS check.**

To help parents, LGfI has prepared a leaflet which is attached to this newsletter supporting parents to select the right tutor, establish clear rules and help the child understand what they should know too.



# Stars of the week! Mathletics!

We are delighted to confirm that the following children were awarded Star of the Week today!

**Class R:** Nell Thompson for showing a positive approach to her learning and Mya Stokes for increased concentration and trying her best

**Class 1:** Charlie Wills and Nessa Dudley, for making a big effort to improve their handwriting this week

**Class 2:** Izzy Moore and Otis Cresswell for their enthusiastic attitude to learning, always working hard and setting an excellent example to others

**Class 3:** Jasper Meagor for his enthusiastic contribution to music and giving 100% effort and Ben Reader for his impressive 6m chest push throw in PE

**Class 4:** Eliza Fluin & Ayla Carter for their awesome descriptive writing

**Class 5:** Flo Williams for a wonderful remembrance day poem and Blaise Godfrey for an excellent, positive attitude towards all of her work

**Class 6:** Kai McAuley for improved focus, effort and progress in maths and Jacob Dean for improved focus, effort and progress in literacy

A huge well done to all those who logged on this week, what a phenomenal performance from Ben Reader who scored 3,030 points this week and it's excellent to see team scores for classes 4 and 6. I wonder who will get a mention next week?



## Priceless Playtimes!

Who has been a great ambassador for our school values "Be brave, be kind, belong" ?

Well done to Isabelle Hemings yr 1 for showing kindness when someone was upset and needed a friend to help them and to Lewis Young Yr R for being a good friend.



## Free school meals

As we travel through another lockdown period we are aware that once again the circumstances for many families are incredibly difficult, with businesses being closed and earnings reduced or almost non-existent.

Please remember that the government's free school meals scheme is available to support those who need it most. If you think that you may be eligible now please follow the link below to make an application.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/application-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/?#formStart>

## Please help!

Don't forget that next Monday the brilliant PTA members will be on hand to collect all of your donations of hamper items and secret room donations so that they can pull out all the stops this year (despite the circumstances) to give the children of St Minver School a brilliantly festive build up to the Christmas break.

Please drop your donations (Hamper—unused non-perishable food and drink items and Secret room any unwanted gifts/items such as books, DVD's, smellies, candles etc) into the box outside of your child's classroom on Monday morning.

A huge thank you to everyone who has already made their donations.



## Covid protocol!

In these uncertain times, should you have need to report a positive COVID case for your child or within your family, please call the school number 01208 862496, should there be no answer please click the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rVOWGVbBBUq60whMGjC2GNQzh8GyMTBDIM8-H3wZjiVUQkxWNIFMSVIQK5YNIFG50RKWUFVRVVRi4u>

Once we have received the details, a member of the Aspire team will be in touch with you as a matter of urgency. Please DO NOT use the school number out of school hours unless it is regarding vital COVID related information.

## Virtual after school club!

The Youth Sport Trust have taken the step to deliver a free virtual after school club as part of a national response to the second lockdown. The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday and be led by a different member of the YST's athlete mentor network, starting on Thursday 12 November with world no.1 female inline skater and 10-time British Champion Jenna Downing. The After School Sport Club will then run for five weeks until December 18 and children and young people can take part live by visiting our YouTube channel - <http://www.youtube.com/user/YouthSportTrust> This is aimed mainly at primary-aged children and a different theme has been assigned for each day of the club - Adventure Monday, Tuesday Play, Wild Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Friday. The YST hope that this will provide support, capacity and inspiration to sit alongside the other great work and offers that are available for schools and children and young people to engage in.





Aspire Catering Services



# Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 9th December

## Roast Turkey or Quorn Roast

Roast potatoes, Pigs in blankets,  
Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding,  
Seasonal vegetables & gravy

**Festive ice-cream or  
Christmas biscuit**